



AGC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Announcing... The 26th Annual 2008 James L. Allhands Essay Competition

The James L. Allhands Essay was established by the late James L. Allhands who was one of the founding members of AGC and a prolific writer of construction related works. The essay recognizes a student's essay that expresses their opinion to a specific topic. The outstanding essay is deemed to be beneficial to the advancement of technological, educational, or vocational expertise in the construction industry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any full-time student who has attained senior-level standing in a four-year ABET or ACCE-accredited (or candidate status) university construction or construction related engineering program is eligible to compete for the Allhands Award. Class status and full-time registration of the student **must be verified** in a letter from the faculty sponsor of the student's major department. Each essay may have only one author, and each author may submit only one essay.

ESSAY FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

- The essay must be written using Microsoft Word
- Times New Roman font, 12 point
- double spaced
- Margins - top and bottom – 1"; Sides 1.25"
- Pages numbered at center bottom

The essay **MUST NOT** exceed ten (10) pages including charts, graphics, and the bibliography page. The 10 page limit does not include the required cover title page and a one page abstract. The abstract **MUST NOT** exceed 100 words following the same page format.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The subject relating to construction and/or general contracting will be general management oriented rather than technical in nature, and will change for each annual Allhands Award competition.

2008 ALLHANDS ESSAY COMPETITION TOPIC

The topic for the 2008 Allhands Essay Competition is
"Developing the Next Generation of Industry Leaders."

In your essay you should completely address each of the following questions related to the topic using research and real world examples to support your position.

1. What is Higher Education's Role?
2. How can construction education programs help develop leaders?
3. Should construction education programs be required to have classes in leadership?
4. What is the role of student clubs in developing leadership characteristics?
5. What is industry's role in helping construction education programs develop future industry leaders?

SUBMISSION

Students **MUST** email: Essay, 100-word Abstract, faculty sponsor letter, and the checklist on the reverse side of this page. E- Mail to SLADEF@AGC.ORG. Students will receive email notification of receipt.

FACULTY SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

The faculty sponsor **MUST** confirm by a signed letter on university stationary the student's full time & class status. The letter will verify that the essay was proofed for grammar and technical errors, it is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized. Is publication the goal of the essay? The letter will be part of the student's submission in an adobe file.

AWARDS

For qualified entries, prizes will be awarded as follows:

FIRST PRIZE, STUDENT: \$1,000 and trip to the 2008 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes roundtrip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.

FIRST PRIZE, FACULTY: \$500 and a trip for the faculty sponsor to the 2008 AGC Annual Convention. Prize includes round-trip airfare, plus meals and lodging for five days.

SECOND PRIZE, STUDENT: \$500

THIRD PRIZE, STUDENT: \$300

Note: No cash substitutions will be provided if the first prize winning student or his/her faculty sponsor choose not to participate in the Convention trips. Allhands Essay winners will be notified by mail in February 2008. Public announcement will be made at the AGC Annual Convention in March 2008 by the Foundation President

In the event an essay is not deemed satisfactory, or did not comply with the essay requirements, the AGC Foundation Board may, at its sole discretion, may find the essay unacceptable or limit the number of winners

DEADLINE FOR COMPETITION

Electronic submission will include the essay, abstract, letter from the student's faculty sponsor, and the checklist on the reverse side of this page. E- Mail to SLADEF@AGC.ORG

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2007 11:59 EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ALLHANDS ESSAY COMPETITION, CONTACT:

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Cover Page Checklist

“DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF INDUSTRY LEADERS”

Complete and return this checklist with your e-mail essay submission for the 2008 James L. Allhands Essay Competition.

ESSAY SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____ E- mail address _____

Social Security Number: _____

College or University: _____

Degree Program: _____

Address in February/March: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

School Telephone: _____ Home Telephone _____

Approximate number of words? _____ Number of page _____

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION FOR THE 2008 ALLHANDS COMPETITION:

- 1) Completed Application on this page
- 2) Double-spaced, word processed essay of no more than (10) total pages including charts and graphs (See "Essay Format Requirements"-on previous page)
- 3) Letter from faculty sponsor confirming student's status and class of author. **The faculty sponsor letter verifies that the essay has been proofed for grammar and technical errors, the essay is ready for publication, and has not been plagiarized.**
- 4) A 100 word abstract (not counted in the 10 page limit).

I hereby submit the enclosed essay for consideration in the James L. Allhands Essay Competition and attest that I am its sole author.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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2008 James L. Allhands Essay Competition EVALUATION CRITERIA

All essays will be evaluated by a team of contractors and educators from the AGC Foundation Board of Directors. It should be noted that the following items are MAJOR considerations in judging the entries:

- Clarity
- Original, unique ideas
- Specific examples to support opinions
- Grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Neatness
- Adherence to format and MLA standards
- Adherence to guidelines such as length, abstract, bibliography, submission deadline

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Each essay should contain at least (3) three references to support the author's position. These references should be used minimally to support the author's unique position, rather than comprise the majority of the essay.

You may use any available reference material as a resource, including the Internet, personal interviews with experts in the field, popular magazines, etc. Please use the Modern Language Association (MLA) bibliography format for any works cited.

EXAMPLES:

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Periodical Date: First page-last page.

WEBSITE OR WEBPAGE

Author. Title. Editor. Date. Institution. Access Date URL.

Websites offering “user generated content” should be noted as such.

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ACCESSED ONLINE

Author. "Article." Periodical Date: Extent. Access Date URL.

ARTICLE FROM A REFERENCE BOOK

Author. "Title of Article." Book Title: Subtitle. Editor. Place: Publisher, Date. First page-last page.

Charts and graphical illustrations are welcomed, but should not comprise more than 1-2 pages of the entire essay. Full-color chart and graphs are not required; black and white versions are acceptable unless original, source should be given.

QUESTIONS? Please call (703) 837-5342 or email sladef@agc.org

